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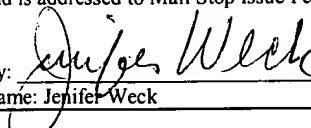
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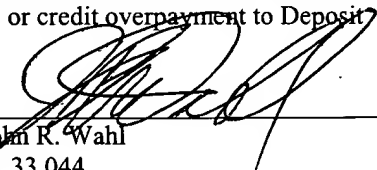
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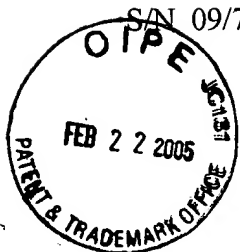
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Dear Sir:

Applicants acknowledge the allowance of claims 1-15 in the subject application and acknowledge the reasons for allowance given by the Examiner with appreciation.

The Applicants concur with the Examiner's reasons for allowance and further point out that the reasons for allowance set forth by the Examiner are not the only reasons that these claims are allowable. Further reasons for allowance of the claims beyond those enumerated by the Examiner are described and set forth in the Applicant's specification. Thus the Examiner's reasons for allowance are not exhaustive.

The undersigned attorney concurs that no cited reference, either taken alone or in combination teach or suggest using a probability function fitted to intersection points in a route

map to compute a bounding box and a long axis and none suggests the structure as set forth in the allowed claims.

Finally, such stated reasons as set forth by the examiner do not establish an estoppel against Applicants seeking and obtaining allowance of additional claims in a continuation application, which Applicants reserve the right to file.

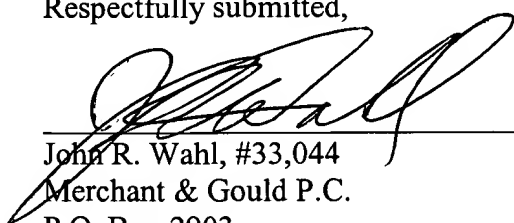
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